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Martial Arts Center of Excellence
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"I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front, and there is not a finer fighting organization in the world!"

General Douglas MacArthur, US Army

Instructor Trainers and Instructors,

General MacArthur said it best; we are the "finest fighting organization in the world." That said, the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program represents the Martial Arts Center of Excellence throughout the world-thanks in big part to the efforts of all the Instructor Trainers and Instructors wearing that responsibility with pride-Hats off to each and every one of you, and keep up the great work. It is my responsibility to keep MCMAP as the Center of Excellence by providing you the best updates/information I can. Please let me know if you're not getting the support you require and I'll do what I can to support your efforts.

This is the third Newsletter I've sent out. If you know of an IT not receiving these please have them contact anyone at the MACE, or go to the web page (see footnote) where it will be posted. These Newsletters are designed to keep all the IT's up to date with changes and in contact with the MACE. IRT the web page, starting in December the web page will be managed and updated on a weekly basis by GySgt Collett. We're looking forward to seeing and reading great stuff on his part. Be advised, you can go on the web page and download the current edition of the Martial Arts Log Books. You can also go into the PLMS, PCN # 10010362300, to order hard copies.

"We" are well into the new FY and MACE IT's have traveled to Kansas City, New Orleans, Camp Pendleton, and MCRD San Diego with great results. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaires-you will see your comments improving "our" program shortly. The MACE has one more IT heading out to 1st MarDiv Schools to observe their MAI prior to the holidays. Please keep sending the dates of your MAI's so "we" can better serve you. "One Team, One Fight!" I've attached a copy of the questionnaire with this newsletter as a read ahead so you aren't surprised with the direction of the visit.

Now for a few updates: First of all, the MCRP 3-02B is almost done. It will be a great piece of gear for all IT's. It will include the verbiage on all 172 techniques along with new photos taken by Civic. The project will be done by the 1st of the year. The MACE will come up with recommended methods of distribution. The MACE is also producing the official MCMAP DVD of all 172 techniques on 5 discs (tan through black belts) that will capture live footage, still photos, safeties, the MCRP verbiage and a voice over. The project will also be ready for distribution by 1 January. Once you have these products in your hands there will be absolutely no question on the proper conduct of the 172 techniques. Once the above projects are completed you will also be receiving the new Instructor and Student Outlines that capture the updated material.

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MAIT Dates for the MACE: Quantico April 4- May 21.

MAI Date for the MACE: January 5-January 23.

The way ahead: The MACE has its first of three offsites planned for 2/3 December. **“We”** will hold the offsite at the Stafford Days Inn (intersection of US 1 and rte 610 in Stafford). At the offsite **“we”** will review the CMC’s guidance as it applies to MCMAP, completely scrub the MCO, look at recertification procedures, and come up with the recommended syllabus/procedures for 2nd through 6th degree black belts. **“We”** welcome any IT to come and participate. Contact the MACE with your plans if you desire to attend. If you can’t make it, we would love to hear any inputs on the above subjects. Especially anything that is unclear in the MCO or if anything is missing. Again, send them to any of the MACE Marines and **“we’ll”** war game all inputs.

The second offsite is still planned for February where the MACE will completely scrub all of the 172 techniques in preparation for the CCRB that will be conducted the first week after MAIT 01-'04.

Also, the official ground breaking for the MACE building occurred two weeks ago here in Quantico. By January **“we”** should see the roof installed. By March **“we”** should see the building receiving permanent power. In May/June of '04 **“we”** should have the Grand Opening. I’ll keep everyone updated on the construction progress.

Couple last thoughts: Remember, once a Marine has finished his/her MCMAP training and is awarded a belt, please make sure within 10 days the Marine is added to MCTFS. Also, please notify the MACE on any injuries your command receives at the hands of MCMAP so the MACE can track injuries accordingly. The USMC came pretty close to accomplishing the goal of having all Marines wearing Tan belts by October of last year. The new focus should be working towards Gray belt.

Finally, **“we”** have a great program. It is the MACE’s job to set the standards for all the Marine Corps to emulate so as to keep it as a great program. The program is not about me, it’s about **“us.”** **“We”** are envied by all the other services. Forces from other nations also envy **“us”**. **“We”** plan to continue those great high standards so great men like General MacArthur keep recognizing our worth to **“our”** Country. Train hard but train safely. Semper Fi Marines.

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